



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

SHIMADA ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 1731

Application Serial No.: 09/727,386

Examiner: HOFFMANN, J.M.

Filed: December 1, 2000

Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING BASE MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER, APPARATUS
THEREFORE, AND BASE MATERIAL MANUFACTURED BY THE SAME

April 14, 2003

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated March 12, 2003, wherein the pending claims were subject to a restriction requirement. In addition, the specification was objected to for alleged lack of readability.

The applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-24, drawn to a method of manufacturing a base material; and more specifically, Species A1, B1, C1, and D1 (as readable on at least claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, and 23).

This response is timely filed as the shortened statutory period for response ended on April 13, 2003 (Sunday). As this response is being filed on April 14, 2003 (Monday), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.7, the response is considered as timely filed. Therefore, the applicants believe that no fee is due for consideration of this election.

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For the convenience of the examiner, attached herewith is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. §1.125. The substitute specification contains numbered paragraph and lines one and one-half spaced. The applicants believe that no new matter has been added in the substitute specification and request its entry.

Respectfully submitted,

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